



# ARIOSO

## FALL 2024

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dearest Alumni,

My name is Christina Jarad, and I am honored to serve as the 2024-2025 University of Michigan Women's Glee Club President! I am a senior from Grosse Pointe, Michigan studying Biology, Health, and Society with the dreams of becoming a doctor. I transferred to Michigan my sophomore year and hit the ground running in WGC as the Soprano 1 Section Leader, ensuring our sopranos were concert ready! I then went on to serve as Outreach Coordinator last year, where I boosted our clubs revenue and musical prestige on campus, and in the overall community. Now, as President, I am committed to taking our group to new heights.

I am proud to announce that we have officially begun the transition towards new concert uniforms! The Executive Board has been working hard to ensure that these new uniforms meet our standards for quality, comfort, and versatility that our clubbers deserve. The pieces that we feel meet these requirements have been selected and brought forward for testing by clubbers to ensure that it meets their wants and needs. A long term transformation like this requires time, and so for our Fall Concert we will be wearing all black. We are so thrilled to unveil our new concert staples with you all in due time.

At the start of the semester, we welcomed 35 new members to our family, making our group 80 members strong! We welcomed these clubbers with an unforgettable Welcome Week, where we got to build bonds and make long lasting memories with our new friends. In just one month, our clubbers have performed at Artscapade, raised over \$700 through Blues, performed at the official UM Alumni Tailgate, sang the national anthem for UM Men's Soccer, and performed for many other groups in the community, totalling 8 performance opportunities in September alone. Last weekend, we hosted our fall Retreat in the Michigan League, where we got to strengthen our concert pieces, zoom in with the composer of one of our pieces (I don't want to spoil our program just yet!), and strengthen our group bond.

Director Dr. Julie Skadsem, Assistant Director Kenneth Sieloff, and all of WGC are thrilled to invite you all to our Fall Concert, "Echoes of Change," on Saturday, November 16th at 8pm in the Hill Auditorium. This concert will feature the musical support of a flute, violin, percussionist, and our brand new pianist, Mariah Boucher! We hope you can all join us in song on the Hill stage for our concert Blues tradition!

G'Love,

*Christina Jarad*

Christina Jarad  
President, UMWGC 2024-25





# Executive Board



President  
Christina Jarad



Vice-President  
Allie Nold



Secretary  
Hailey Mydock



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Marisa Martinez



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# Chair Members



Small Groups  
Grace Lenox



Small Groups  
Ava Caron



Tour Deputy  
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Rachel Braun



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Lily Robinson



Social  
Daman Gill



Social Media  
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Historian  
Leah Adams



Librarian  
Lauren Park



Fundraising  
Jordan Pecar



Merch  
Lena Kerns



Concert Deputy  
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Librarian  
Ella Roch



Webmaster  
Amy Dong



# Section Leaders / WoVad



WoVAD Apprentice  
Brynne Smith



WoVAD Apprentice  
Libby Le Febre



S1 Section Leader  
Riley Maczik



S2 Section Leader  
Megan Ahrens



A1 Section Leader  
Bella Ackley



A1 Section Leader  
Elizabeth Risch



A2 Section Leader  
Andrea Bustillo





# UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI TAILGATE

NOV 2, 11:00AM

1012 MICHIGAN AVE

WGC FALL CONCERT

NOV 16, 8PM, HILL AUDITORIUM

CALL FOR LYRICISTS

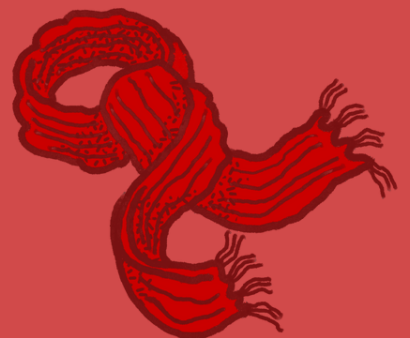
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GIVING TUESDAY

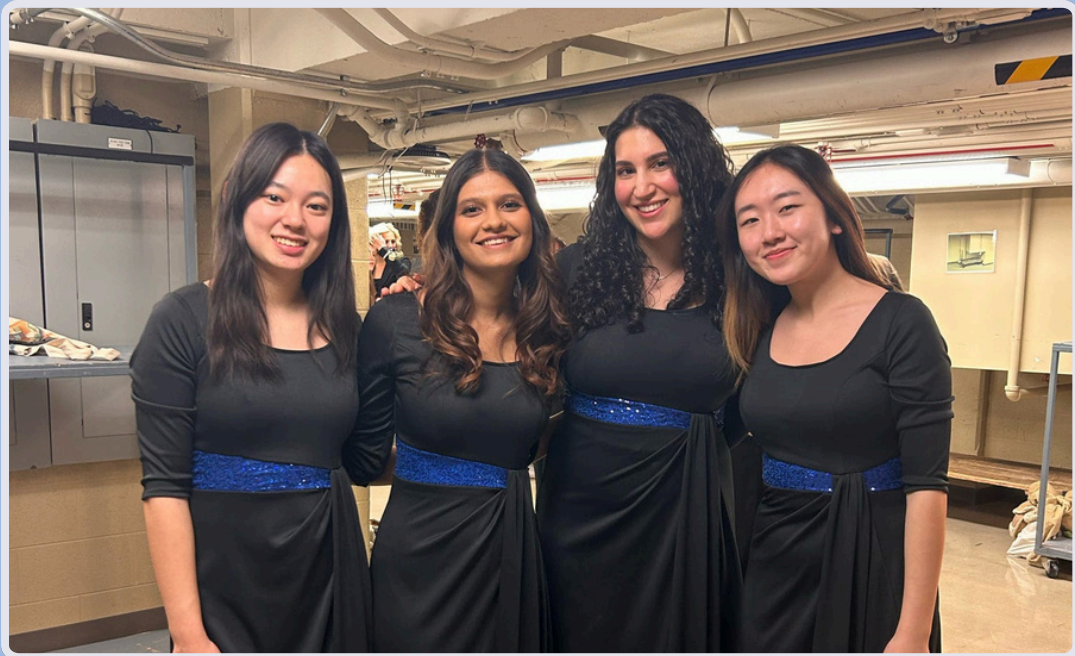
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COMING SOON!



# WINTER MEMORIES

Winter 2024 was a great semester for WGC! We had a ton a fun events, including retreat at the YMCA, formal, and our amazing winter concert. Here are some of our members' favorite memories.



"Our winter concert was phenomenal. The music selection was emotional, diverse, and musically brilliant. Glee felt so in-tune with the music, with our co-directors, and with each other as well; we resonated with many of the pieces and poured our hearts into them. It resulted in what is, for me, the best choral concert I've ever sung in." - Julia Housey

# WINTER MEMORIES

"Fall retreat was so much fun last semester! I was able to meet so many new people and also get closer to my glesties." - Marisa Martinez



"My birthday was during retreat and it was fun getting to celebrate with all of my glesties!" - Grace Hoover



"I had SO much fun at the YMCA camp retreat!!! It felt like Girl Scout camp for grown ups!" - Lena Kerns



# WINTER MEMORIES

"My favorite memory is Glormal, where Somya and I are featured on this year's Arioso cover. It was so fun bringing dates and being able to bond with the glesties on a more personal level." - Daman Gill



# Meet the New Gleees

This semester, we welcomed 35 new singers into WGC, expanding our club significantly to pre-pandemic numbers. Let's meet some of our new gleees!



Andrea Bustillo  
Freshman, A2

"I joined glee because treble choirs ROCK! And I love getting to sing low notes as an Alto 2. I'm super excited to make new friends, sing great music, and work with lots of different instruments this semester!"

"I joined glee because I love singing! I went to WoVAØ last year and had such a great experience. I am so happy to be here at Michigan and singing with everyone in WGC!"



Brynne Smith  
Freshman, A1



I joined glee to be able to sing in a choir at Michigan and meet new people! I really wanted to keep singing in college and glee gives me the perfect opportunity to do that. Also, I am most excited to get to know the other members of WGC!”

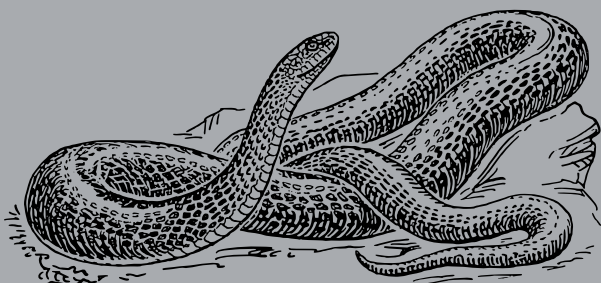


Molly Bluestein  
Freshman, A2



Molly Hamalainen  
Freshman, A1

“I loved glee during my time in undergrad and I could not wait to get back to SSAA singing.”



“I joined glee because my high school choir director bragged about WGC all the time! I knew I needed to keep singing in college and this is the perfect fit for me”



Kat Springer  
First year grad student







# Summer Adventures

*"This summer I got the opportunity to study abroad in London at the University of Westminster! During the 6 weeks I was there I made some new friends from all over the world, saw many historical landmarks, ate at a bunch of different restaurants, took trips around the UK, and enjoyed English culture. Lucky for me, it was sunny almost the whole time during my time abroad and I toured Buckingham Palace twice while the King was there!" - Grace Lenox*

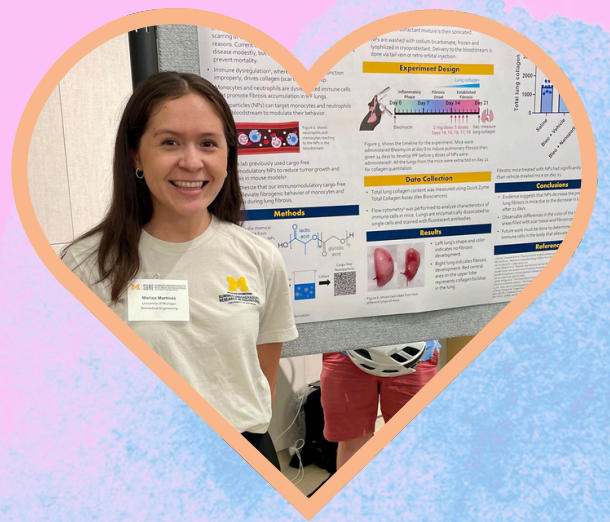


*"This summer, I went to Boston to visit my sister on her internship. Together, we walked the Freedom Trail, where we learned more about Boston's Irish history. I went to Ireland this past May, so it was interesting to learn the rich history of Irish immigration to Boston and to connect my Irish travels to my domestic travels. There were multiple Irish Potato Famine memorials in Boston, similar to ones we saw in Dublin, Ireland. In the photos shown are my visit to the Rose Gardens in Boston, exploring the city and Irish Potato Famine Monuments, and eating traditional Italian Cuisine in the North End neighborhood" - Leah Adams*



# Summer Adventures

*"I was part of the SURE (summer undergraduate research in engineering) program here in Ann Arbor! I was doing BM&E research where my project consisted of testing whether immunomodulatory nanoparticles attenuate collagen deposition in murine models of pulmonary fibrosis" - Marisa Martinez*



*"I went to lots of concerts (Chappell Roan, Lemon Twigs, Alanis Morissette), and on a big roadtrip through the Appalachian mountains with my bestie + glestie Emily!!! When I wasn't working, I was adventuring with my best friends" - Lena Kerns*

*"I spent 10 weeks studying abroad on the Amalfi Coast! I took Physics 2 and Italian101 at the Sant'Anna Institute. On the weekends my friends and I traveled around Europe hitting places like Amsterdam, Split, and Barcelona! Fun fact: I convinced two Michigan friends I made in Italy to join Glee, they're Newglees this semester!" - Hailey Mydock*





# *This or That*

*We asked WGC members to choose “this or that?” between some fall semester favorites.  
Here’s what our clubbers chose!*



*Alto vs. Soprano*

*Alto - 54.4%*

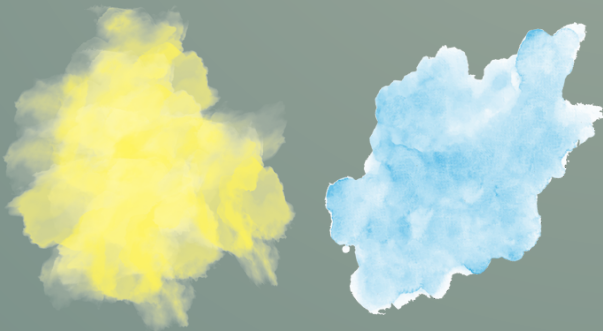
*Soprano - 45.6%*



*Fall vs. Winter*

*Fall - 94.7%*

*Winter - 5.3%*



*Maize vs. Blue*

*Blue - 87.7%*

*Maize - 12.3%*



*Cider vs. Donuts*

*Donuts - 59.6%*

*Cider - 40.4%*



## *Halloween vs. Thanksgiving*

*Halloween - 68.4%*

*Thanksgiving - 31.6%*



## *Block M vs. Wolverine*

*Block M - 71.9%*

*Wolverine - 28.1%*



## *Apple Pie vs. Pumpkin Pie*

*Apple Pie - 66.7%*

*Pumpkin Pie - 33.3%*



## *Umich vs. OSU*

*Umich - 100%*

*OSU - 0%*





# Spring Tour

*Last semester, WGC went to Ireland! This was the club's first international tour since before the pandemic, and it was a blast! We had the opportunity to perform in several historic cathedrals and visit iconic sights in Dublin, Cork, and Ennis. Our members will never forget the experiences they had on our Ireland tour, and we could not be more excited for our domestic tour in the spring!*



# Class Secretaries

Class secretaries are our alumni "correspondents," they gather contact information and announcements from their classmates and encourage them to come to WGC Events!

## **Our Current Class Secretaries:**

Class of 1983 – Jennifer Conlin  
Class of 2007 – Christine Mullan  
Class of 2009 – Kirsten Haverberg  
Class of 2012 – Julie Felberg  
Class of 2013 – Johanna Grum  
Class of 2014 – Emily Kempa  
Class of 2015 – Barbara Dennis  
Class of 2016 – Kate Collier  
Class of 2017 – Shannon Cahalan  
Class of 2018 – Mary Lund  
Class of 2019 – Sara Ramaswamy  
Class of 2020 – Katherine Hunt  
Class of 2021 – Madeleine Mozina  
Class of 2022 – Fiona Lynch  
Class of 2023 – Emma Pickett  
Class of 2024 – Kel Rodriguez Diaz

Thank you so much to all of our class secretaries! If you are interested in becoming a class secretary, please email Allie Nold ([nolda@umich.edu](mailto:nolda@umich.edu)) or Rachel Braun ([braunr@umich.edu](mailto:braunr@umich.edu)).



# CONTACT US

There are so many ways to reconnect with Women's Glee! One opportunity to get involved with WGC would be an alumni interview. This way, you can chat with a member of WGC and talk with them about your shared experiences as members of Glee!

Other avenues for your involvement include sharing a fond memory from your time in Glee on the Facebook page, or simply saying hello if you happen to bump into a current member of Women's Glee in your endeavors. If any of this is of interest to you, please get in touch with us through email or social media!

## **Allie Nold**

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**And don't forget to connect  
with us on Facebook and  
LinkedIn!**

## **Still have your dress?**

WGC now has new uniforms, but our old dresses still have life in them! We have decided to donate our dresses to high school students in need of new uniforms. If you are interested in donating your old dress, please contact this year's President, Christina Jarad (cjarad@umich.edu).